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Mr. H. R. Hansen,
Secretary, Ontario Committee on Taxation,
88 University Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

When considering levies for services outside the boundaries of the municipality and especially services provided by the combined efforts of a number of municipalities, it must be kept in mind that whatever is provided is to serve people as opposed to money that will be spent to provide services for land.

The only source of revenue provided for the municipalities outside of grants in aid from the Province is the direct taxation of real estate.

While the protection of Health is a very necessary part of the responsibilities of a municipality, it is a direct service to people and, as such, embraces the operations of Health Units, Hospitals and Homes for the Aged.

To make a levy on real estate assessment is a very

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unrealistic means of arriving at an equitable request relative to the services rendered.

The above-mentioned are all formulated on the basis of population and it would only seem fair that the method of raising money to provide the necessary requirements should be carried out on a similar basis.

In our own municipality, we have a very small population, less than one-half of that of the principal towns in the District. The proportion of the services provided by the District facilities, received by the United Townships, is about one-third of that provided and received by the above-mentioned towns; this same factor holds true for the Health Unit, the District Hospital and the Home for the Aged.

The request to our municipality for funds from the Boards operating these institutions is fifty percent more than the money requested from each of the larger towns.

It also follows that the percentage of money paid by our Municipality is approximately fifty percent more than it should be for the services received when compared with the amount of money contributed.

For the operation of The Home for the Aged, the United Townships of Medora and Wood pay 14.1% of the Municipal levy and 7.84% of the residents for the Home come from this Municipality.

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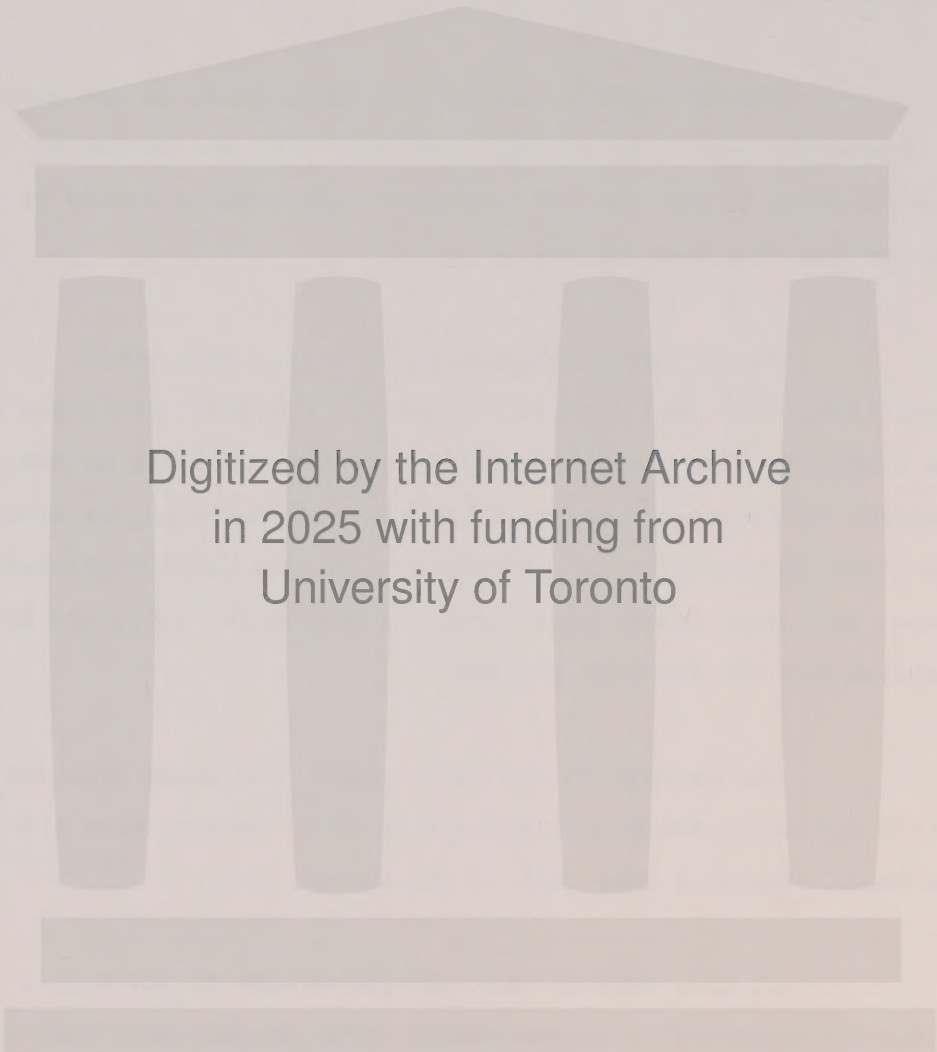
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For the operation of the Hospital, the United Townships of Medora and Wood have paid 23.3% of the Municipal levy and have had 5.53% of the admittances.

For the operation of the Health Unit, the United Townships of Medora and Wood have paid 8.8% under the agreement previously negotiated and have received 6.8% of the services as reported by the Unit.

These same conditions prevail wherever the assessment is predominantly vacation property. It follows that a municipality whose economy is fully dependent on the tourist industry must levy taxes on their part-time residents for services in which these residents do not participate.

We would submit that, when the undertaking is related to a Health service that serves more than that municipality in which it is located, the funds raised from the participating municipalities should be based on the population of these municipalities so that the money paid will be in proportion to the services rendered and required.

Respectfully submitted by
The Council of the United Townships
of Medora & Wood.

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